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BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 22 -- A NEW WEST GERMAN PROJECT TO BRING GREATLY INCREASED SOPHISTICATION AND WIDENED DATA-GATHERING TO THE STUDY AND CONTROL OF URBAN AIR POLLUTION WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY'S WORK IN THE ELEVENTH PLENARY MEETING OF NATO'S COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS).

THE WEST GERMAN PILOT STUDY, WHICH PICKS UP WHERE AN EARLIER U.S.-LED STUDY FINISHED LAST SPRING, WILL USE COMPUTER-BASED MODELING TO ENABLE AIR POLLUTION SCIENTISTS TO PROJECT AND PREDICT AIR QUALITY IN THE MODEL CITY AND THEREBY TO ESTABLISH AN AIR PLANNING INDEX FOR THE AREA. THE METHODOLOGY THUS DEVELOPED WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO ANY CITY WITH AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

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ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW PROJECT WAS ANNOUNCED TO NEWSMEN BY PROFESSOR M.N. OZDAS OF TURKEY, NATO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CCMS MEETING. RUSSELL E. TRAIN, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, SAID IT WAS "OBVIOUS THAT THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE IS VERY MUCH BEHIND IT".

CCMS PILOT STUDIES, CARRIED OUT BY VARIOUS NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TRANSPORT, HEALTH PROGRAMS,

AND ENERGY, ARE THE SUBJECT OF PROGRESS REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGHOUT THEIR DEVELOPMENT. FINAL REPORTS, WHEN THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, ARE SENT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. ONCE ACCEPTED BY THE COUNCIL THEY BECOME POLITICAL COMMITMENTS.

THE EARLIER U.S. AIR POLLUTION STUDY, OF WHICH THE NEW WEST GERMAN PROJECT IS AN OUTGROWTH, USED DATA GATHERED PRIMARILY IN FRANKFURT, ST. LOUIS AND ANKARA. IT DEVELOPED HEALTH CRITERIA FOR A SERIES OF AIR POLLUTANTS AND CONTROL TECHNOLOGY FOR THE ABATEMENT OF SULPHUR OXIDE EMISSIONS. THESE RESULTS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AND THUS SERVE AS GUIDELINES TO GOVERNMENT ACTION IN NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE U.S. STUDY RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP MODELING OF A MORE SOPHISTICATED NATURE.

THIS IS THE WORK WHICH WEST GERMANY WILL PILOT. ITS BASIC TASK IS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF COMPUTERIZED MATHEMATICAL MODELING BY SIMPLIFYING THE EVALUATION OF DATA; IDENTIFYING CRITICAL POLLUTION AREAS AND CONDITIONS, SUCH AS SMOG; IMPROVING POLLUTION CONTROL PLANNING; AND PREDICTING DEVELOPMENT OF AIR QUALITY.

THE CCMS PLENARY SESSION RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD WHICH EXPRESSED PARTICULAR GRATIFICATION THAT "TIMELY STUDIES ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ALTERNATE CLEAN SOURCES OF ENERGY ARE WELL UNDERWAY" IN CCMS.

THE MEETING, ATTENDED BY 110 DELEGATES AND EXPERTS FROM NATO'S 15 MEMBERS, ALSO HEARD FOLLOW-UP REPORTS OF PILOT STUDIES ON OCEAN OIL SPILLS, DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND ROAD SAFETY.

THE PLENARY'S FIRST DAY ALSO WAS FEATURED BY AN EXHIBIT AT NATO UNCLASSIFIED

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OF FOUR "CLEAN CARS", DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AS PART OF THE CCMS-SPONSORED PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS. THE CARS, TWO OF WHICH WERE TEST DRIVEN BY NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS, WILL APPEAR IN NOVEMBER AT CCMS' LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM IN DUSSELDORF.

THE SECOND DAY'S WORK OF THE PLENARY IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE REPORTS ON INLAND WATER POLLUTION, URBAN TRANSPORTATION, ADVANCED HEALTH CARE, WASTE WATER TREATMENT, SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION.
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